

REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this Response in response to the Notice of Allowance dated May 26, 2005 and the Patent Office Communication dated June 8, 2005. In the Notice of Allowance, it was alleged that the certified copy of the priority document for this case had not been received.

In view of same, Applicants undersigned attorney of record contacted Examiner Mark Prenty to discuss this issue. Based on this discussion, it was agreed that the undersigned attorney of record would file a copy of the date stamped postcard evidencing that a certified copy the foreign priority document was filed in the parent application 10/211,419 as indicated in the Interview Summary of the Patent Office Communication dated June 8, 2005 as indicated above.


Accordingly, Applicants are enclosing herewith a copy of the date stamped postcard that indicates receipt by the Patent Office of the foreign priority document, namely, Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-237087. The date stamped postcard was issued with respect to the parent application No. 10/211,419 as discussed above. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that acknowledgement be made that the certified copy of the foreign priority document for this case has been received by the Patent Office.

If the Patent Office should have any questions regarding this Response, Applicants kindly request that the undersigned attorney of record be contacted directly and if appropriate by telephone in an attempt to resolve any potential issues in an expeditious manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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